



18/E
10-7-02
NW

PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 045636-5037-US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: G. SERRE *et al.*)
Application No.: 09/582,711) Group Art Unit: 1641
Filed: June 30, 2000) Examiner: L. Cook
For: **Peptide Epitopes Recognized by Antifilaggrin**)
Autoantibodies in Serum From Rheumatoid)
Arthritis Patients)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 3, 2002 (Paper 17),
Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention II, Group B, claim(s) 1, 5, 9, 10, and
13, drawn to compositions comprising *X1-Ser-Cit-His-X2*. In addition, Applicants request entry
of the following amendment without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 8.

8. (Canceled)

RECEIVED

OCT 07 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900



1641

PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 045636-5037

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:)
G. SERRE et al.)
Serial No.: 09/582,711) Group Art Unit: 1641
Filed: June 30, 2000) Examiner: L. COOK
For: PEPTIDE EPITOPES RECOGNIZED)
BY ANTIFILAGGRIN AUTOANTIBODIES)
IN SERUM FROM RHEUMATOID)
ARTHRITIS PATIENTS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2002, (Paper No. 17).
2. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
[] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[] two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
[] three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
[] four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00

RECEIVED

OCT 07 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$0.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

An extension for ___ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

3. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	13	minus	20	0	x \$ each=	+ \$ 0
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	1	minus	3	0	x \$ each=	+ \$ 0
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)						+ \$ 0
SUB-TOTAL =						\$ 0
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$ 0
TOTAL FEE =						\$ 0.00

4. Fee Payment

No fee is to be paid at this time.

A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$____ to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for a one-month extension of time fee.

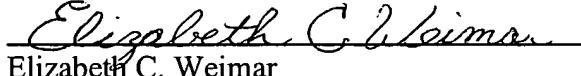
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 for the additional claim or otherwise, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

5. Constructive Petition

[x] **EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP

By: 
Elizabeth C. Weimar
Reg. No. 44,478

Dated: October 3, 2002

Customer No. 09629
MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP
1111 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004
Telephone: (202) 739-3000
Facsimile: (202) 739-3001